

# Children's Health Insurance Program

Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (**hawk-i**) and **hawk-i** Dental-only Plan

Contact: Roger Munns at 515-281-4848 or [rmunns@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:rmunns@dhs.state.ia.us)



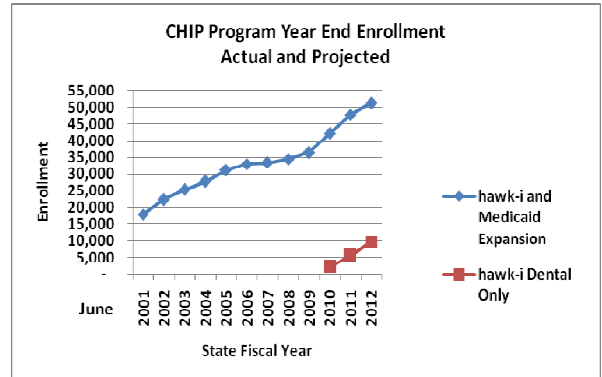
## Purpose

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health insurance for children in families whose income is too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to afford individual or work-provided health care plans.

## Who

CHIP has three parts; Medicaid expansion, a separate program called Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (**hawk-i**), and a dental-only plan.

- Medicaid expansion provides coverage to children ages 6-18 whose family income is between 100 percent and 133 percent of the federal poverty limit (FPL), and infants whose family income is between 185 percent and 300 percent of the FPL. As of June 30, 2011, 16,148 Iowa children were covered in the expansion program.



- **Hawk-i** provides coverage to children under age 19 in families whose income is less than 300 percent of FPL, or \$55,590 for a family of three. There were 33,195 children enrolled in **hawk-i** as of June 30, 2011.
- On March 1, 2010, **hawk-i** implemented a dental-only plan for children in households that meet the program's income eligibility. Unlike the regular program, children who have health or dental coverage may qualify. As of June 30, 2011, 3,475 children were enrolled in the **hawk-i** dental-only plan.
- Total enrollment of 52,818 was up 7 percent from the year earlier. Enrollment projected to increase 11 percent in SFY12.

## What

- State dollars for the CHIP program are matched about 3:1 with federal dollars. Total expenditures for SFY11 were \$114.6 million, of which \$33.3 million were state dollars.
- Medicaid expansion coverage is provided through Medicaid. **Hawk-i** health and dental coverage is provided through contracts with Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa, United Healthcare and Delta Dental of Iowa. Delta Dental of Iowa also provides coverage to children enrolled in the **hawk-i** dental-only plan.
- Families with income between 150 and 300 percent of FPL pay a premium for **hawk-i** health and dental or the dental-only plan. The maximum premium is \$40/month.

## How are we doing?

- Families can apply for or renew their **hawk-i** health and dental coverage online at <http://www.hawk-i.org/>.
- Iowa consistently ranks among the top five states in percent of children with health insurance. Due in part to Iowa's CHIP program plus Medicaid, 93 percent of Iowa children have access to a primary care provider.